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REPORT BY THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION STAFF

to the

DIRECTOR

THE PROBLEM

1. To prepare a draft report on the broad functions of an inter-departmental board as a basis for the establishment of detailed organizational requirements for (1) The Interdepartmental Foreign Information Board, if activated prior to D-Day, (2) The Interim Psychological Warfare Board, (3) The National Psychological Warfare Board.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. NSC-74 provides that:

a. "On D-Day, or earlier at the discretion of the President, the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Organization (IFIO) shall be augmented and designated the Interim Psychological Warfare Board (IPWB) for the initial stages of war, or the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Board (IFIB) if activated earlier than D-Day." (Encl D, para.1)

b. "The Board shall be served by an Executive Secretary appointed by the Chairman and by a technical staff provided by the participating departments and agencies." (Encl D, para.4)

c. "Within the limits of such funds as may be made available to the Interim Psychological Warfare Board, the Board may employ necessary personnel and make provision for the necessary supplies, facilities and services. The Department of State shall provide necessary space, secretarial staff, and such other administrative services as may be required." (Encl D, para.7)

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d. "To meet the essential requirements of the subsequent stages of war, the Interim Psychological Warfare Board, which was designed to meet the requirements of the initial stages of war, should be constituted as an independent organization and designated the National Psychological Warfare Board (NPWB)." (Encl E, para.1)

e. "The Chairman of the Board should have authority to employ such personnel as may be required and make provision for the necessary supplies, facilities, and services. Pending congressional appropriation of funds, necessary expenditures should be covered by allocations from funds available to the President or available to the participating departments and agencies." (Encl E, para.6)

**DISCUSSION**

3. Apart from the broad statements contained in NSC-74, no definitive listing of the functions of an interdepartmental board, its Executive Secretary, or technical staff, has as yet been prepared.

4. Such a listing is required in order to provide a basis for the establishment of detailed organizational requirements for the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Board, the Interim Psychological Warfare Board, and for the National Psychological Warfare Board.

5. Planning for the direction of psychological warfare from the national level has been governed by the principles that an interdepartmental board will be a policy making group, and that the execution of psychological warfare will be decentralized to designated departments and agencies.

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6. In order to enable an interdepartmental board to discharge its assigned responsibilities, it will be necessary to insure the performance of certain supporting functions broadly described in Enclosure A hereto, under the following general headings: The Board; Executive Secretary; Plans and Directives; Personnel; Intelligence; Evaluation; Communications; Logistics.

7. This statement of functions (Encl A) would, with appropriate modifications, serve as a statement of the basic functions of an Interdepartmental Foreign Information Board, an Interim Psychological Warfare Board, or a National Psychological Warfare Board.

CONCLUSIONS

8. A listing of the functions of an interdepartmental board is required in order to provide the basis for the establishment of detailed organizational requirements for an Interdepartmental Foreign Information Board, an Interim Psychological Warfare Board, and a National Psychological Warfare Board.

9. Such a listing is contained in Enclosure A hereto.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That the Director note the above conclusions and Enclosure A, and apprise the Staff of his views thereon as a basis for the establishment by the staff of the detailed organizational requirements envisaged in the statement of the problem.

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